

GRADUATION SPEECH BY CHIEF

GUEST THE HONOURABLE MINISTER

OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS ON THE

14TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF

KAMPALA UNIVERSITY- ON

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 30, 2017

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RECOGNITIONS!

The Chancellor

The Chairman and members Board of Trustees

The Chairman, Kampala University Council

The Vice-Chancellor and members of staff, Kampala University

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Kampala University

Members of the Diplomatic Corps

Honorable Ministers

Honorable members of Parliament

Religious leaders

Civil Society leaders

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and gentlemen

First and foremost, God is good, all the time. I greet you in His mighty name. Good morning.

It is an honor and great privilege to be with you as we celebrate this gracious occasion which is marking the 14th Graduation Ceremony of Kampala University. It is not too late to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous 2017.

We all note that the graduation ceremony is a very memorable event in the life of any student. It is in this context that I first and foremost express my most sincere congratulations to our Graduands. Since your accomplishments would not have been possible without the support and encouragement of your parents, spouses, lecturers, friends all of whom are proudly sitting in our audience today, I also offer special congratulations to all of them.

In a special way I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Chancellor, the Vice-chancellor and all staff of Kampala University for the for the sense of direction given to our Graduands during their educational and life journey so far and for continuing to make the University a place of Excellence and fine achievements. I also congratulate you upon the attainment of the Charter which I have the honor and privilege to hand over to yhe Chancellor and his team today as part of our celebrations.

This being the 14th Graduation Ceremony, it is my joy and happiness to thank God the Almighty for having maintained Kampala University in existence. We are praying and asking Him to continue doing so eternally. It is clearly visible that the University has grown tremendously in terms of student and staff population. It is in this regard I commend the Vice-Chancellor and all staff who have supported the University from its inception. I trust the University will continue to focus on offering quality education to its students.

With the Charter you now possess, we have no doubt your academic programs will continue to enjoy full accreditation by National Council for Higher Education and you will continue to place more much emphasis on academic excellence and the nurturing of personal values and ethics that

are standards of our nation and the world at large. Kampala University's achievement is indeed a clear testimony of NRM's record in its policy of advertising and liberalization of Education in Uganda.

We have witnessed your academic achievements and students' accomplishments especially those in the area of sports. You have excelled and clearly demonstrated the role of sports and the value of having healthy minds in healthy bodies. We have noted the sacrifices you make to meet your expenses and the needs for your structural developments. We thank you so much for all the efforts you are putting to realize your aspirations. On the side of Government we are going to collaborate as much as possible to ensure that Kampala University continues to flourish at all stages.

It is also my pleasure and happiness to add my utmost gratitude to our Graduands for all their successes. I ask them to join me in thanking all those who have aided them in their achievements to-day. We also add our gratitude to our beloved parents, guardians and sponsors for their love, support and encourage. Once again I commend our Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Senate, Council, the entire Management and staff of Kampala University for a job well done.

With warm regards , I thank all of you who have attended today's colourful graduation ceremony and witnessed this great moment in the lives of our Graduands. You have made this event quite memorable. Let us continue to wish these Grandaunds a blissful future

"Viva Kampala University".

May the Almighty God/Allah eternally bless you all. Let us continue to celebrate the day as we make it truly memorable.

Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni, MP.

First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports.